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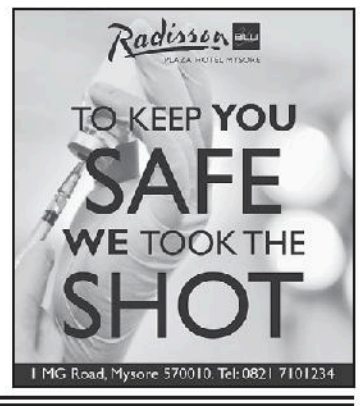


# Illegal religious buildings to be demolished soon

## ▶ Chief Secretary issues direction to District Administration

## ▶ Previous dismantling drive in city was taken up in 2012

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (LNY&BCT)- Religious structures that have come up illegally on roads, footpaths and parks will soon be reduced to debris as directions have been issued to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to go ahead with demolition with Police protection in their respective jurisdictions.

The date of demolition, however, is not yet decided and a call regarding this will be taken by the MCC and MUDA Commissioners. The MCC and MUDA officers have been asked to undertake the demolition drive over a four week window.

Confirming this to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that directions have been issued to the officers to go ahead with the demolition drive.

*Dr. Bagadi Gautham*
*Dy. Commissioner, Mysuru*

*Lakshmikantha Reddy*
*Commissioner, MCC*

*Dr. D.B. Natesh*
*Commissioner, MUDA*

"Not all structures will be demolished and we need to identify the structures and the extent of the illegality. The Government order says that those structures that have minimum violations can be regularised. Those structures that are totally illegal and there is no chance of regularisation, will be demolished. We will go by the rules and regulations," the DC said.

### Chief Secretary meet

Sources from the MCC said that Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar held a meeting with senior officers of the district through video-conferencing two days back and a follow-up was sought on the demolition drive and the reasons behind the delay. The MCC had carried out a massive demolition drive in January 2012 where over 87 illegal structures were razed.

The MCC then had identified 145 illegal structures constructed on roads, parks and footpaths and had razed 87 of them under the leadership of the then MCC Commissioner K.S. Raikar. Now as per fresh estimates, there are 92 illegal structures that need to be demolished.

The Chief Secretary reportedly expressed his displeasure over these illegal structures being allowed to thrive despite a High Court order. The Karnataka High Court has repeatedly pulled up the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in this regard.

### Survey to be conducted

During the meeting with the Chief Secretary, MCC Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy reportedly gave it in writing that he would take measures to take up demolition and ensure that the Court orders are fully complied with.

(See BUILDINGS on page 6)

# Ambaari runs into rough weather again

## Poor response from tourists forces KSTDC to cancel the inaugural run

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (MTY&BCT)- The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation's (KSTDC) ambitious plan to launch Ambaari specially-built open-roof bus tours in Mysuru from Aug. 1 (today) has run into rough weather again.

The buses were scheduled to start the city rounds from 8.30 am today carrying tourists from the KSTDC Office (Hotel Mayura Hoysala) on JLB Road and two out of the four buses were scheduled to make a debut.

At the scheduled time today, however, the buses did not start and neither there were tourists at KSTDC Office. Moreover, not a single bus from the Bannimantap KSRTC Depot where the four buses have been parked came to the KSTDC office for the scheduled launch.

*A file photo of an Ambaari parked near KSTDC Office. The buses are now parked at Bannimantap KSRTC Depot.*

The KSTDC had publicised that the Ambaari tours would begin today and had fixed Rs. 250 per person for a two-hour ride to 35 places. Facilities were made for ticket-vending at the KSTDC office and also through the online mode. However, there was poor response from the tourists.

Sources said that the reasons for poor response might be a spike in COVID cases in Mysuru and also a lockdown has been declared in Kerala that is reporting thousands of cases every day.

"Mysuru gets a lot of tourists from Kerala and the prevailing situation in Kerala and the restrictions in Karnataka (mandatory not less than 72-hour RT-PCR negative certificate) have made many from the neighbouring State to cancel their Mysuru visit," sources said.

(See AMBAARI on page 6)

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# STAR OF MYSORE

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**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Sunday 1st August 2021


## Applications invited from Jenukuruba students

Mysuru, Aug.1- The Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible Jenukuruba community students for availing academic scholarship and unemployment allowance to those who are studying in class 10 and above.

The application forms can be obtained from the Department Office located at Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Adipampa Road, Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar) or at the Department office / Social Department Office located in their respective taluks and the same should be submitted with all necessary documents, before the end of Oct. 2021.

For details, call: Mysuru Ph: 0821-2427140 or 0821-2543076; Periyapatna: 08223-273128; K.R. Nagar: 08223-264049; H.D. Kote: 08228-255681; Hunsur: 08222-252812; T. Narasipur: 08227-260230 and Nanjangud: 08221-297293, according to a press release.

## Calling building owners

Mysuru, Aug.1- The Nanjangud CMC (City Municipal Council) has invited applications from building owners for sheltering destitutes and shelterless people of the town, under DAY-NULM scheme (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihood Mission). The building should be an RCC one having a floor area of at least 1,200 sq.ft with all civic amenities and other facilities. The building should be available on a monthly/yearly rent basis.

The CMC has also invited applications from voluntary organisations for third party scrutiny of shelterless and destitutes who sleep at bus shelters, temple premises, footpaths, complexes, Masjids etc., according to a press release issued by Nanjangud CMC Commissioner.

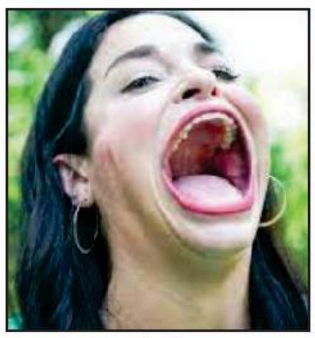
## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***Across classes, castes and regions, jeans are ubiquitous in today's India. Yet last week in a UP village, a 17-year-old girl was allegedly killed by her own family for defying their 'no jeans' diktat. She had started wearing jeans during a stay in Ludhiana. This is a grim reminder that the policing of women's clothes, often dismissed as banter, presents real threats to their educational and work mobility, and even life.***

***Job cuts of the year have imperilled many a young woman's big city dream, of greater freedom than at home. It is true that India now has a higher proportion of women graduates at the tertiary level than some developed nations, and their overall ranking in higher education has exceeded men's. The problem is conditionalities: She can go out but she cannot wear the 'wrong' dress or meet the 'wrong' boys. Women pay a very high price for such injunctions. Let's stop pretending they are benign.*** — *In The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### 2.56-inch mouth gape earns Guinness title



Connecticut (US): A Connecticut-based TikTok star with an unusually large mouth was certified by Guinness World Records as having the world's largest mouth gape. Samantha Ramsdell, 31, went viral multiple times on TikTok when she showed off the size of her mouth, leading her to seek Guinness record for the world's largest mouth gape (female).

A Guinness adjudicator accompanied Ramsdell to her local dentist's office in South Norwalk, Conn., where her gape was measured at 2.56 inches. "Being 31 and being able to get a record for something that really I was so insecure about, something that I wanted to keep so small, it's great because now it's like one of the biggest, best things about me," Ramsdell told Guinness. Ramsdell has 1.7 million followers and has even done duet videos with Isaac Johnson, whose 4-inch gape earned him the male version of the record.

### Man reels in 301-pound swordfish

Maryland: A Maryland man participating in a fishing tournament said it took him eight hours to reel in the 301-pound swordfish that earned him a state record.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources said Peter Schultz, 36, was participating in the Big Fish Classic Tournament in Ocean City when he hooked a swordfish on his line about 50 miles offshore at Washington Canyon. Schultz told the department that he reeled in the massive swordfish with help from fishing companions.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

"Thermal scanners are effective in detecting people who have a fever (i.e. have a higher than normal body temperature). They cannot detect people who are infected with COVID-19".

***By Sharadhammanni S - Clinical Educator***

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Drinking plenty of water has been shown to offer protection against bladder cancer by diluting cancer-causing compounds in urine and flushing them through the bladder faster. The American Cancer Society suggests drinking at least 8 glasses of liquid per day.

## COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

| DATES | JULY 30 | JULY 31 |
|---|---|---|
| Day's Positive Cases | 142 | 177 |
| Total Positive Cases | 1,72,779 | 1,72,956 |
| Day's Discharges | 144 | 140 |
| Total Discharges | 1,69,056 | 1,69,196 |
| Day's Deaths | 2 | 2 |
| Total Deaths | 2,303 | 2,305 |
| Total Active Cases | 1,420 | 1,455 |

*NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin*

## Journalists receive second dose

Mysuru, Aug.1 (RK&DM)- A total of 260 journalists from the district received their second dose of COVID jab (Covishield) at a vaccination drive organised by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) along with District Administration, ZP, Department of Information and Public Relations and Health and Family Welfare Department at Vartha Bhavan premises on Dhanvantri Road in city on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy said that journalists along with health workers, the Police and other medical staff, have worked as frontline warriors during COVID crisis. He maintained that the District Administration, taking note of the risky nature of the job of journalists, has launched the drive for vaccinating them on priority basis.

ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, DHO Dr. K.H.Prasad, Information and Public Relations Department Assistant Director R. Raju, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, office-bearers M. Subramanya, Anurag Basavaraj and others were present on the occasion.

## REALLY...?

- ***Nail polish has a long history: Painting one's nails goes back as early as 3,000 BCE. There is archaeological evidence of the Ancient Babylonians painting their nails before they went into battle—with a solid gold manicure set. In Ancient China, during the Ming Dynasty, people would use formulas made from beeswax, egg whites, gelatin and vegetable dyes.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***An ophthalmologist asked a patient,*** *"Tell me, how far can you see?"*

***Came the reply:*** *"When I get up in the morning, I can see the Sun quite clearly. And, it is said that the Sun is more than nine crore miles away !"*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 74.38 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 103.42 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 20.25 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 88.27 |

## VOICE OF THE READER

### Footpath encroachment

# Stringent measures need of the hour

Sir,

The drive conducted by the City Police Commissioner and his team to clear footpath encroachments is heartening news to Mysuru citizens.

Most of the traffic bottlenecks caused due to footpath encroachments in busy areas had been an obstacle to pedestrians, especially senior citizens and children, who have to walk on the road amid the heavy traffic leading to accidents.

Construction work and display of wares by business establishments, illegal parking of vehicles by the public, food vendors selling chats, vegetable and fruit vendors dotting the stretches are the main encroachers. Even the giant junction boxes from cables, electricity board, telephone department blocking gives an opportunity for the encroachers to start their activities.

Stringent measures by the MCC to prevent such encroachments is the need of the hour. Serving notice warnings and imposing heavy fines and punishment would deter such encroachments, but footpath encroachments are a perennial problem. Various initiatives by the MCC in providing vendor-specific locations for their business is laudable. Footpath encroachments by places of worship should be prevented and existing ones demolished.

Providing toll-free helpline number to citizens by the MCC to register complaints against any new encroachments, also helps in controlling this menace. Public participation and assistance will go a long way in checking this menace.

**—Dr. Virupaksha Swamy Sarangmath**

Mysuru
26.7.2021

## Corrections and Clarifications

The headline in the third *'Old is Gold' Abracadabra* published in yesterday's *Star of Mysore* on page-6 may please be read as ***"Indira, a political force"*** and not *"Indira, a spent force"*.— **Ed**

# CM launches 'Cheer 4 India' cycling

***Chief Minister Basavaraja S. Bommai** (third from left) **launched 'Cheer 4 India, be like an Olympian' Cycling Ride organised by Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) by pedalling a distance in front of Vidhana Soudha on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi in Bengaluru this morning. He was joined by** (from left) **former Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda, MPs Tejasvi Surya and P.C. Mohan.***

# Rangayana to offer 10-month diploma

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (BNR)- Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra (Bharatiya Theatre Institute) of Rangayana, Mysuru, has invited applications for a 10-month diploma course in theatre recognised by KSGH Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru, for the year 2021-2022.

Candidates in the age group of 18-28 years and having passed PUC or equivalent course may apply. Selected candidates will be provided with lodging facilities apart from a monthly student scholarship of Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 2,000 for tiffin/meals allowance.

Application form can be downloaded from the Rangayana website *[www.rangayana.org]* from today (Aug. 1) and filled-in application form must be submitted at the Rangayana office before Aug. 16 (before 5.30 pm) either by post of in person. Along with application form and necessary documents, candidates must pay application fee of Rs. 200 for general category and Rs. 150 for SC/ST, Category-1 in the form of DD drawn in favour of Joint Director, Rangayana, Kalamandira premises, Vinoba Road, Mysuru-570005.

Those sending entries through post, must send a DD for amount that includes both application fee (according to their category) and prospectus charges (Rs. 30).

Interview date will be confirmed to candidates through post within 10 days after the last date for submitting applications. For the interview, which will be held at Rangayana premises, students must come on their own expenses. Maximum of 15 students will be selected for the course. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2512639 or Mob: 94489-38661 or 99166-00027 or 94484-22343.

To know about the Institute, watch documentary 'Bannada Badukina Bagilu' on Rangayana website *[www.rangayana.org]*, according to a press release from Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa.

# Joyalukkas Bangle Fest

### Best offers on biggest collection of bangles till Aug. 3

Mysuru, Aug. 1- The famous Joyalukkas Bangle Fest is here with a bigger collection and the best offers. The 2021 edition, which took months in the making, brings never before seen designs and patterns in bangles, handcrafted by master craftsmen. During the Fest, customers can explore and buy their favourite bangles with big savings of 30% on making charges.

Joy Alukkas, Chairman & MD, Joyalukkas Group, quoted: "The lockdown period gave us ample time and opportunity to explore and create new trends in jewellery designs. We wanted to surprise our customers with exciting options once we opened, and the Bangle Fest showcases some of our best works so far. I invite all our patrons to take advantage of owning unique bangle collections with big savings."

The highlights of the Bangle Fest include a curated collection of temple designs from Veda, heritage collection from Ratna, Turkish designs from Zenina and ethno-contemporary designs from Apurva among others.

The Government has recently announced the Gold Hallmarking Act. During the offer period, customers will have a chance to exchange their old gold jewellery for brand new 916 BIS Hallmarked Jewellery. Apart from the above offer, customers can enjoy free maintenance and one-year free insurance on all jewellery purchased at Joyalukkas.

The offers are valid till Aug. 3 across all Joyalukkas showrooms in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Joyalukkas has taken all the necessary precautions to offer its customers a safe shopping experience which includes vaccinated staff, customer screening at entry, enhanced hygiene measures, regular sanitisation of showrooms and UV sanitisation of jewellery.

## Validity extended
### for vehicle documents

New Delhi, Aug. 1- With the deadly COVID-19 pandemic striking the country, the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has extended the validity of Driving Licence (DL), RC (Registration Certificate), FC (Fitness Certificate) and other documents pertaining to transport related services, to Sept. 30.

This order is applicable to all documents which have expired as on Feb.1, 2021 or due to expire by Sept. 30. The Ministry has directed the authorities concerned to recognise the validity of documents to Sept. 30.

# Silk India expo
## to conclude on Aug. 8

***Silk India-2021 expo, which was inaugurated by actress Aishwarya Prasad on July 24 at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city, will conclude on Aug. 8. With 75 stalls set up by artisans from 20 States, the expo features sale of cotton handloom products, ethnic and traditional silk made by master weavers from across India. The expo-cum-sale is open for public from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm till Aug. 8. For details, contact Mob: 97420-85198.***

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Sri Maddaneshwara hostel admission

Sri Maddaneshwara Students Hostel Trust, located at Bilva Bhavan, Harishchandra Road, Fort Mohalla (Khille Mohalla), has invited applications from Veerashaiva - Lingayat community students studying in High School/ PUC/ Diploma/ D.Ed / Para-Medical courses in city for admission to the hostel run by it. The application forms can be obtained from the Hostel Warden during office hours. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2442012 or Mob: 94807-34131 or 88845-65185 or 97396-30714, according to a press release from the Hostel Hon. Secretary.

### 'Amrithadhaare' singing contest

Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Central is organising a fund-raising event titled 'Amrithadhaare,' an online singing contest. The competitions will be held in six categories: Patriotic, Devotional, Light Music, Folk, Kannada film and Hindi film songs. The age groups for above categories are: 7-15 years, 16-20 years, 21-40 years, 41 years and above. Registrations are open from July 25 up to Aug. 16. Registered candidates will receive all details on WhatsApp. Last date for sending recorded video is Aug. 16. Results will be announced on Sept. 5. Each age group under each category has three prizes — First prize - Rs. 1000, second prize - Rs. 800 and third prize - Rs. 500. For details, contact, Mob: 81234-87643.

## WATER LEVEL

### KRS DAM

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Maximum | : | 124.80 feet |
| Today | : | 114.92 feet |
| Yesterday | : | 114.42 feet |
| Inflow | : | 11,882 cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 5,260 cusecs |

### KABINI DAM

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Maximum | : | 2,284.00 feet |
| Yesterday | : | 2,279.89 feet |
| Inflow | : | 6,569 cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 6,000 cusecs |

### HARANGI DAM

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Maximum | : | 2,859.00 feet |
| Today | : | 2,855.44 feet |
| Inflow | : | 4,100 cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 4,260 cusecs |

# Kabini flood victims in the lurch

## Government advertisement claims rehabilitation of families

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (PM&SSV)- Inclusion of a village in the list of rehabilitation in advertisement released in newspapers on second anniversary of the BJP Government in State has surprised several families which are living in penury without relief or rehabilitation since last one year.

In a press conference held at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Thursday, Cheluvi, Papamma, Shanthi and others of Bidarahalli Circle village, situated adjacent to Kabini Reservoir, said that the excess rains last year created floods in Kabini River and damaged several houses in their village. So far, they have not been rehabilitated or compensated. But the State Government in an advertisement released on July 26, had included their village in the list of rehabilitated villages. "We were temporarily housed in relief centres and then sent back without distributing compensation. The then Housing and District in-Charge Minister V. Somanna had visited our village, and promised to shift all residents to a new location by building 42 houses in three months. The Minister had even performed the *bhoomi puja*. But the houses are not built so far".

They said the land, identified for the construction of houses, belonged to the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited. So far, it has not been handed over to Department of Revenue. They were living in make-shift houses amidst the fear of snakes and scorpions. Some of them were living in the houses of relatives.

Petition to Deputy Commissioner, Tahsildhar, MLA and District in-Charge Minister explaining their woes, has not yielded results. Protest held in front of the DC's office has gone in vain.

"Our forefathers who came here to build the dam fifty years ago, stayed back. Our families shed sweat for this project and Dept. of Water Resources has left us in lurch. Basically we are daily wagers but not have jobs due to Corona crisis", they noted.

### Relief cheque taken back

Cheluvi, a resident of Bidarahalli Circle village, said Rs. 50,000 cheque given by the District Administration was taken back saying that the money will be spent on eating mutton-chicken. A temporary relief of Rs. 10,000 was given to affected families but the cheque for Rs. 50,000 given towards the house repair, was taken back after the symbolic distribution. The officials claimed that they will waste that money on buying chicken and mutton. They had promised to build quality houses by pooling more money. But, nothing has been fulfilled yet, she added.

Papamma of the same village said that she lives in the saloon shop of her husband since their house had been totally damaged in floods. It has become common to eat the food mixed with the hair.

# A welfare centre turns haven for drunkards, anti-social elements

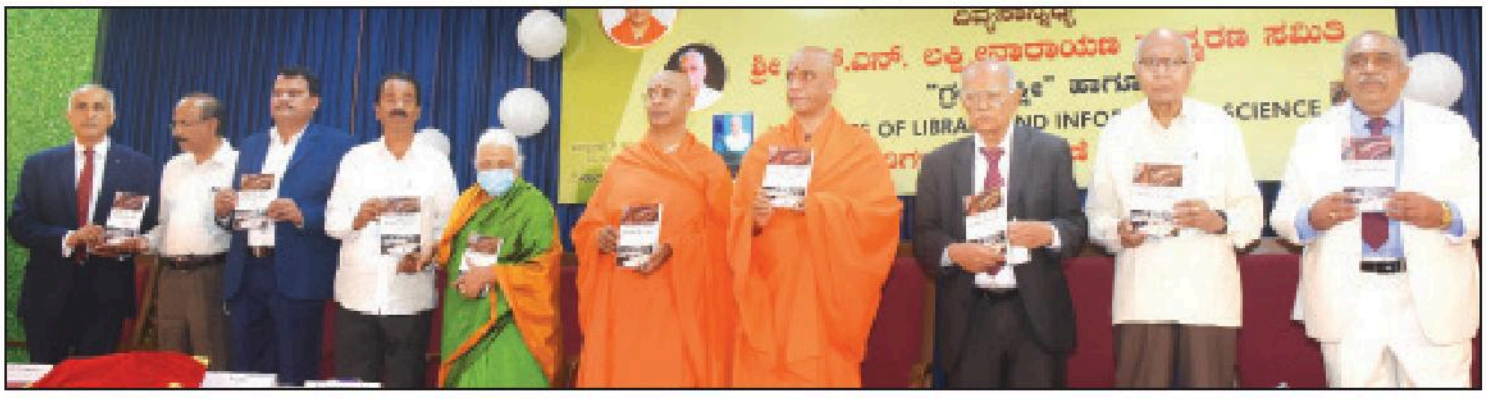
Mysuru, Aug. 1 (MK&SSV)- A welfare centre, which was meant for distribution of fruits and milk to pregnant women and children, has now become a haven for anti-social elements and drunkards.

Situated near Good Shepherd Convent on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, this dilapidated building of Subramanya Maternity and Children Welfare Fund, has been in very bad state since last seven years. The place is surrounded by wild growth of plants and filled with liquor bottles strewn in the premises. The compound wall around the building does not prevent anti-social elements from entering inside.

Built in 1932, this centre was providing fruits and milk to thousands of women and children. A new building can be constructed on the vacant land to open the welfare Centre which will benefit residents of adjoining areas. The officers concerned and elected representatives are not taking any interest in this regard, complained a resident.

This Civic Amenity (CA) site was allotted to Gunamba Maternity and Child Development Trust to build fruits and milk distribution Centre for pregnant women and children by the then City Improvement Trust Board (CITB now MUDA), but the Trust did it for a few years and stopped subsequently. In 2015, the MCC removed illegal structures built inside this building premises and protected the land and the plans to construct a zonal office or a Health Centre are yet to materialise.

# Social media content not credible, says Adichunchanagiri Seer



*Picture shows (from left) retired Canara Bank GM Dr. S.T. Ramachandra, Vidyavardhaka Educational Institutions Secretary P. Vishwanath, Director of Public Library Department Dr. Satish Kumar S. Hosamani, former MLA Vasu, Bhagya Lakshminarayana, Adichunchanagiri Mysuru Shaka Mutt Seer sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji, Adichunchanagiri Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, former UoM VC Dr. M. Madaiah, Writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar and UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar during the release of the book yesterday.*

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that the contents in books are more credible than those that appear in social media sites, Adichunchanagiri Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji said that there is a need to do a check and balance deed of social media content to ascertain facts.

He was speaking at the book release function of 'Grantha Lakshmi'(Kannada version) and ' Dynamics of Library and Information Science' (English version), a commemorative volume in honour of University of Mysore (UoM) former Librarian Late S.N. Lakshminarayana, organised by S.N. Lakshminarayana Memorial Felicitation Committee at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering in Vijayanagar here yesterday morning.

Recalling the contribution of S.M. Lakshminarayana for Library and Information Science which was then witnessing changes in the functioning of libraries, Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji underlined the importance of developing reading habit among people.

Highlighting the role of libraries in imparting knowledge not only to students, but to all sections of the society, he observed that our rich culture will be destroyed if children are kept away from libraries.

Stressing on the need for introducing libraries to children, he said that this will help them in understanding the rich traditions of our country at an young age and develop a mindset for contributing something of their own for the country.

Varsity Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, who released the English version of the book (Dynamics of Library and Information Science), said that today Librarians play a key role in knowledge dissemination and updation among the population and added that both Kannada and English versions of the book are useful for students who are interested in studying Library Science. Stressing on the need for maintaining quality and updation in all research and academic studies or activities, he observed that the books have need-based topics, in keeping with the modern day requirements.

Veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar, former Chief Librarian of UoM Dr. C.P. Ramashesh, former UoM Vice-Chancellor Dr. M. Madaiah, former MLA Vasu, Secretary of Vidyavardhaka Educational Institutions and former City Mayor P. Vishwanath, retired Canara Bank General Manager Dr. S.T. Ramachandra, Bhagya Lakshminarayana, Adichunchanagiri Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Adichunchanagiri Mysuru Shakha Mutt Seer Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji and others were present.

## Green Library concept at UoM

The UoM has plans to introduce 'Green Library' concept in Manasagangothri campus. The book 'Dynamics of Library and Information Science' has 31 chapters which will be very useful for research scholars pertaining to Library Science and also provides information on various types of libraries such as Smart Library, Green Library and others.

**—Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar**
Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore

## Karnataka Digital Library stands first among other libraries in the world

**55.45 crore people have visited the State Public Library website in one year and four months**

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (PM&KS)- Director of Department of Public Libraries at Bengaluru Dr. Satish Kumar S. Hosamani, speaking about the achievements of Public Libraries said that 55.45 crore people have visited the Digital Library website of the Department in one year and four months, resulting in the library standing first among other libraries in the world, pushing the American Digital Library to the second place.

Pointing out that there are about 7,000 Public Libraries in Karnataka, Dr. Satish said that the first 'Digital Library' of the Department was opened on Feb. 26, 2020 and added that there are over 300 such Digital libraries now, which were set up in a span of just 17 months. Asserting that over 92 lakh members have enrolled for Digital Library and have read over 20 lakh books on a variety of subjects so far, he said that the Mysuru City Central Digital Library has about 15,000 members and Kalaburagi City Central Digital Library has 16 lakh members. He further said that readers can download the E-Library App from Google Play Store or can log on to www.karnatakadigitalpublic library.org to avail the services of the digital library.

Considering the above achievements, Dr. Satish S. Hosamani has been conferred with 'Digital Library Pithamaha' in Bengaluru.

# Three minors among six held for lifting two-wheelers

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (SBD&KS) - In separate cases, V.V. Puram Police have arrested three youths and have taken three minor boys into custody on charges of lifting two-wheelers in city.

The arrested youths are 22-year-old Manu of Masanapura village in Chamarajanagar district, 20-year-old Shamanth of Kaikeri village, and 19-year-old K.J. Girish of Shettigeri village, both in Virajpet taluk, Kodagu.

The Police have recovered nine two-wheelers worth about Rs. 5.32 lakh from them. Legal action has been initiated against the three minors for their involvement in the crime.

In the first case, the Police, who were on their regular beat, found accused Manu and three minor boys proceeding on two bikes near the ESI Hospital on KRS Road and stopped them during which the accused and the boys tried to escape but were caught by the Cops.

As they behaved in a suspicious manner, they were brought to the Police Station and questioned during which the crime came to light.

In the second case, the Police, who were investigating a vehicle theft case, arrested Shamath and K.J. Girish on July 25 for enquiry.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of lifting two-wheelers in Alanahalli, V.V. Puram, Vijayanagar, Kuvempunagar and Metagalli Police limits, according to the Police.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and NR Sub-Division ACP M. Shivashankar guided V.V. Puram Inspector R. Venkatesh, Sub-Inspectors K. Lepaksha and Radha M. Jyothsnaraj and staff Prasanna, Venkatesh, Eeranna, Parashurama, B.K. Ravi, Mahesh, Chandra and Suresh in the nabbing and recovery operation.

## Vehicle Inspector, middleman caught while accepting bribe

*Prabhakar* *Mahesh*

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (RK&KS)- Acting on a complaint, the City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have caught a Vehicle Inspector and a middleman, while accepting a bribe of Rs. 77,000 to provide Driving Licenses (DLs) to 85 students of a driving school yesterday.

Those who were caught red handed while accepting the bribe are Vehicle Inspector Prabhakar, attached to RTO (East) and his assistant Mahesh, a middleman. Sajid Abrar Alvi, owner of Bharat Driving School had provided training for 85 students on driving and had paid the licence fee online for DLs. But, when he contacted Vehicle Inspector Prabhakar in this regard on July 29, the latter had demanded Rs. 80,000 bribe to provide the DLs and the final amount was settled for Rs. 77,000, which was to be given to middleman Mahesh.

As per the deal, when Sajid was handing over the bribe money to Prabhakar and Mahesh yesterday morning, the CCB Police caught them red handed. The accused were produced before a Magistrate yesterday evening, who remanded them to judicial custody, according to CCB sources.

ACB Dy.SP Parashuramappa, Inspectors Karim Rauther, Mohankrishna and others took part in the operation.

# Only Kerala-registered vehicles checked

## Travellers hire Karnataka vehicles to enter Mysuru and Kodagu

*A Policeman questioning driver of a Kerala-registered vehicle at Kushalnagar check-post today while a Karnataka-registered taxi is allowed free entry.* PICTURE RIGHT: ***Police and Forest Dept. officials set up a campfire to protect from cold last night at Kushalnagar check-post.***

Mysuru/ Kushalnagar, Aug. 1 (Akshay&BCT)- The Government order to step up vigil along the Kerala-Karnataka border and making RT-PCR negative certificate (not older than 72 hours irrespective of the vaccination status) mandatory to all those who come from the neighbouring State notwithstanding, travellers are still entering Karnataka making use of certain loopholes in the system.

While there is stringent checking at borders including Bavali check-post in Mysuru, Moolehole check-post in Chamarajanagar, Kutta and Makutta check-posts in Kodagu, some other check-posts in Kodagu like Kushalnagar, Koppa, Guddehosur, Shanivarsanthe, Shirangala, Karike, Anechowkur, Siddapura and Sampaje do not have facilities of conducting the RT-PCR tests.

Kodagu District Health Officer Dr. Mohan Kumar told *Star of Mysore* this morning that Health Department staff would be deployed at all the borders from tomorrow to conduct the tests. Staff manning the check-posts now include from the Forest and Revenue Department, he added.

These officers only question the occupants of the vehicles that bear registration numbers of Kerala (KL) or Maharashtra (MH). Using this loophole, most of the travellers entering Kodagu are using vehicles that sport number plates from Karnataka.

They park their own vehicles in front of resorts and hotels that are outside the district borders and hire local vehicles and taxis to enter Kodagu to finish their work and return. The personnel at the borders rarely check local vehicles.

Some taxi drivers in Kushalnagar and Madikeri confided that ever since the Karnataka Government began insisting on negative RT-PCR certificates, their business has increased. "Travellers from Kerala bring their vehicles up to Bengaluru and park them in front of their lodges and resorts. As there is no restriction to enter Bengaluru, no one questions their presence. They then come to Mysuru and Kodagu using Karnataka-registered (KA) vehicles and also taxis," said a taxi driver who did not want to be identified.

Hotels, resorts and lodges beyond the border gates too readily accept visitors and even enable people from the neighbouring State to book a local taxi so that their visit remains incognito, said sources.

### FRESH GUIDELINES ISSUED

Meanwhile, in a fresh set of orders, the Karnataka State Government has yesterday issued special surveillance measures for arrivals from Kerala and Maharashtra. The revised guidelines, according to a circular issued by Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Department of Health and Family Welfare, are as follows:

- **Persons arriving from Kerala and Maharashtra should produce a negative RT-PCR certificate that is not older than 72 hours irrespective of vaccination status.**
- **The above condition is mandatory for all the passengers coming to Karnataka by flight, bus, train and personal transport. This is applicable for all the flights originating from Kerala and Maharashtra.**
- **Airlines shall issue boarding passes only to the passengers carrying RT-PCR negative certificates not older than 72 hours.**
- **Railway authorities shall be responsible for ensuring that all passengers travelling by trains carry negative RT-PCR certificates.**
- **For all the passengers travelling by bus, the bus conductor shall ensure that they possess RT-PCR negative certificates.**
- **Deputy Commissioners of the districts bordering Kerala (Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu and Mysuru) and Maharashtra (Belagavi, Vijayapura, Kalaburagi and Bidar) shall establish check-posts and make arrangements to deploy necessary staff to ensure that all the vehicles (driver, passengers, helper, cleaner) entering Karnataka are checked for the compliance of the above requirement.**
- **It is mandatory for students and public visiting Karnataka daily for education, business and other reasons to undergo RT-PCR test once in 15 days and possess the negative test report.**

### PERMITTED EXEMPTIONS

- **Constitutional functionaries and healthcare professionals.**
- **Children below 2 years.**
- **In dire emergency situations (death in the family, medical treatment etc.), the passenger's swab shall be collected on arrival in Karnataka with necessary details like phone number, address etc., duly verifying from his ID card. On receipt of the RT-PCR test report, further action will be taken as per the State protocol.**

## Buildings to be demolished soon

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Sources said that the MCC Commissioner will soon call a meeting of officers to conduct a fresh survey to identify unauthorised/ illegal religious structures in the city. The survey will involve both Engineering and Revenue Departments of all the nine MCC Zones and a plan of action will be prepared for removing these illegal structures with assistance from the Police.

The survey will have details such as whether the building is located on Government property, was it constructed without permission and other details. Such a survey will pave the way for removal, relocation and regularisation of buildings, sources added.

In a PIL filed in 2009, the Supreme Court had noted that structures that had come up before 2009 may be shifted to other locations while no structures should be allowed after that. While passing strictures on the BBMP, the High Court had asked the officers to follow the Supreme Court order and not to bow down to the pressure from elected representatives or local leaders in identifying and demolishing illegal religious structures.

## Ambaari runs

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Also, there are other factors like the Chamundi Hill and Sri Chamundeshwari Temple being shut for devotees during weekends to prevent *Ashada* rush. In addition, the launch date of Aug. 1 was announced in a hurry before the scheduled trial runs are completed, officials said.

However, the Ambaari has already completed three trial runs and linemen from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) have already cleared obstructions like tree branches and dangling cables. Now the authorities are planning more trial runs before deciding on the next launch date.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, KSTDC Regional Manager Uday Kumar said that the KSTDC Managing Director Vijay Sharma has to take a call on the launch date of this. Sources, however, said that today being a Sunday all the Regional Transport Offices (RTO) offices are closed and as such the tour did not begin.

The project, based on the model of London's 'Big Bus Tours' of taking tourists around the city in open-roof buses, is worth Rs. 5 crore and was announced for tourism destinations of Mysuru and Hampi in the 2019-2020 Budget.

Mysuru has four buses and are at present parked in KSRTC Depot at Bannimantap.

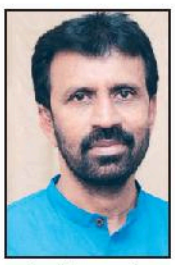
# State BJP mulling on inclusion of Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra in Cabinet

Mysuru, Aug.1- Even as the BJP High Command is working on the constitution of Cabinet of the newly inducted Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, the State BJP is seriously thinking of recommending Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, a young Vokkaliga leader, for inclusion in the Cabinet.

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra of city, K.R. Pet MLA K.C. Narayanagowda from Mandya district and Preetham Gowda of Hassan, are the only three Vokkaliga BJP MLAs, who are elected from old Mysuru region which comprises Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Ramanagara districts and is considered a JD(S) stronghold.

With the party Government in power, the BJP leadership is seriously thinking of strengthening the party base in these districts with the inclusion of an MLA from this region.

By inducting Nagendra into the Cabinet, the BJP hopes that its vote base among Vokkaliga community will increase and also the MLA will be able to attract all anti-Siddharamaiah votes in Mysuru district towards the BJP. The BJP has also planned to take advantage of the rumblings and internal bickering in the JD(S) to further consolidate its vote bank in old Mysuru region.



L. Nagendra

S.A. Ramdas

As far as the political experience of Nagendra is concerned, the MLA had served as a MCC Corporator a couple of times and also functioned as MUDA Chairman when the BJP Government was earlier in power.

Impressed by Nagendra's close contact with people, the RSS leaders are said to have backed the MLA for inclusion in the Basavaraj Bommai Cabinet and his name is likely to find place under Vokkaliga quota from old Mysuru region in the list of new Ministers, which is likely to be announced in a couple of days.

**District Brahmin Association bats for S.A. Ramdas**

The Mysuru City and District Brahmin Association has demanded a Cabinet berth for K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Association President D.T. Prakash said that Ramdas, as MLA, had handled the COVID crisis exceptionally well in K.R. Assembly segment.

Pointing out that Ramdas has vast administrative and organisational experience, Prakash said that the MLA also has the experience of being Medical Education Minister in the earlier BJP Government. Asserting that Ramdas is a capable leader, he maintained that his inclusion in the Cabinet will help improve the BJP's prospects in all future elections.

Akhila Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha State Vice-President Raghuram Vajpayee, who also addressed the Press meet, said that Ramdas is one of the senior politicians of the BJP in old Mysuru region and has been elected as an MLA from K.R. Assembly segment four times.

Recalling that Ramdas had worked hard when he was the District Minister in the earlier BJP Government, he said that the inclusion of Ramdas in Basavaraj Bommai Cabinet will help in the strengthening of the party base as the MLA is known for his good organisational skills.

He further said that Old Mysuru region will get Brahmin representation if Ramdas is inducted into the Cabinet.

Brahmin Development Board Director M.R. Balakrishna, Mysuru Brahmin Yuva Vedike members Kadakola Jagadish and Srinivas Bhashyam were present at the press meet.

# Focus on districts with over 10 pc plus positivity rate: Centre to Karnataka

New Delhi, Aug. 1 (SSV)- The Union Health Ministry has asked ten States including Karnataka to impose strict restrictions in all districts that are currently recording a positivity rate of more than 10 percent.

The Centre said States must ensure that effective measures are taken to prevent crowding and intermingling of people in these districts. Positivity rate is the percentage of samples that test positive for a disease out of the total samples tested. A high positivity rate indicates the disease has spread to a greater degree among the sampled population.

Reviewing the COVID-19 situation in 10 States that are either showing a rise in cases or have a high positivity rate, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said all districts that have reported a positivity rate of more than 10 percent in recent weeks need to consider imposing strict restrictions. "Any laxity at this stage will result in deterioration of the situation in these districts," he said.

**Ten States**

He said the 10 States that are showing a rising trend in COVID-19 cases are: Kerala, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh and Manipur. It said priority should be given to administering the second dose of vaccines to the vulnerable population.

The Ministry noted that more than 80 percent active COVID-19 cases in the 10 States are reported to be in home isolation. "There is a need to effectively and strictly monitor these cases so that they are not intermingling and circulating in their neighbourhoods, community, village, mohalla, ward etc., and spreading the infection," Bhushan said.

**Oxygen plants in Private Hospitals**

The Ministry said as a precautionary measure, States should also focus on those districts where the positivity rate is less than 10 percent. It said that States should advise private hospitals to set up medical oxygen plants in their premises to meet their requirements. The Union Government has been supporting States by providing oxygen concentrators, oxygen cylinders and Pressure Swing Absorption (PSA) plants. In addition, States are using their own resources to put up PSA plants in Government Hospitals. States are advised to direct private hospitals to put up hospital-based PSA plants. It added that States that have already issued such directions, should review the status and facilitate private hospitals further.

**Shed complacency**

Dr. Balram Bhargava, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), warned against any complacency with around 40,000 cases being reported daily since the preceding weeks. He pointed out that 46 districts are showing more than 10 percent positivity while another 53 districts are showing a positivity between 5-10 percent. Ten States must ramp up their testing and vaccination.

**Sero-Survey**

States were also advised to conduct their own State-level sero-surveys for district-wise disease prevalence data, as the national level sero-prevalence survey was heterogeneous in nature. These surveys should, however, be conducted in collaboration with the ICMR to ensure uniform protocols, he noted.

# Experts to help find out reasons for landslides, road cracks: MP Simha

Madikeri, Aug. 1 (SSV)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has said that experts' help will be sought to know the reasons for landslide and cracks on Mangaluru Highway during rains and take necessary steps to address these issues.

He inspected cracks developed on Highway near Monnangeri and water spring in the centre of Highway from Madikeri to Mangaluru yesterday. He also collected details from contractors and officials of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

Later, Simha told reporters that there had been landslides in Kodagu owing to heavy rains in the last three years. It was planned to build 18 retaining walls up to Sampaje as precautionary however, in the wake of fresh landslides of small scale, as well as suggestion from MLA K.G. Bopaiah it has been decided to build an additional 22 retaining walls till Sampaje.

He said water explosion may be a reason for the cracks on middle of under-construction road at Second Monnangeri and that needs to be ascertained from experts who conduct soil test and make spot inspection. The experts will say whether it is due to increase in movement of vehicles or not.

**Visits soldier's house**

MP Simha and MLA Bopaiah visited the house of a soldier who was assaulted by a mob last week and enquired his health. The MP said the State Government has taken this incident seriously and there was no question of leaving the miscreants go scot free. Police have been instructed to punish them.

A driver of an ambulance has captured this incident in his mobile phone. Based on the video footage, five persons have been arrested. The Government is always with the soldier and his family, he added.

Karnataka Western Ghats Conservation Task Force Chairman S. Ravi Kushalappa, District BJP President Robin Devaiah, Madikeri Urban Development Authority President Ramesh Holla, NHAI Engineer Chandrappa and others were present.

# HC directs State Govt. to provide Rs. 2,000 for each domestic worker

Bengaluru, Aug. 1 (SSV)- The Karnataka High Court on Friday directed the State Government to pay domestic workers Rs. 2,000 each as compensation.

The State Government, on May 20, had issued an order regarding payment of Rs 2,000 as compensation for the workers of unorganised sectors in the wake of Corona crisis. The Government had informed the DC that it would pay the compensation to all those workers who come under Below Poverty Line (BPL) category.

A Division Bench headed by Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka issued orders after studying an interlocutory application by Domestic Workers Rights Union.

# Youth goes missing

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (YDS&KS)- A 26-year-old youth, who left his house on July 16 at about 8 pm, has since gone missing.

The missing youth is **Umar Ahmed**, a resident of N.R. Mohalla. Those having any information about the missing youth may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

# Regional Commissioner's post, office to be history soon

By S.T. Ravikumar

The post of Regional Commissioner (formerly Divisional Commissioner) is all set to be relegated to the pages of history in the wake of the State Government seriously considering abolition of this post and the closure of the offices including the one in Mysuru on Hunsur Road near Jaladarshini Guest House.

The Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission-2 (KARC), headed by former Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, has recently submitted a report to the Government recommending the abolition of posts of Regional Commissioners (RCs) and also the closure of RC offices in four Divisional Headquarters.

It had favoured vesting powers in the State-level Commissionerate of Revenue in Bengaluru instead of having offices in four Divisional Headquarters. Based on the report, the process of closure of the RC's Office in Mysuru has been set in motion.

There are four Divisional Headquarters in Karnataka — Bengaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi and Kalaburagi. The KARC has recommended the abolition of RC's posts to reduce unnecessary expenses and redeploy staff to various vacant posts.

## Roles and responsibilities

A RC is given the direct responsibility of supervising the revenue and development administration of a division. The officer also presides over local Government institutions in the division. Officers are transferred to and from the post by the State Government. They are responsible for general administration of the Division and planned development of the districts under his control and also act as appeal adalat for revenue cases.

The RC office is a platform for general supervision over Departments at the regional level and the office receives public grievances and hears appeals against lower-level officers. The RC is the Chairman of several Committees that are monitored by the Supreme Court of India.

It may be recalled here that in May this year when there were differences between Deputy Commissioners of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar over deaths due to lack of oxygen in Chamarajanagar and certain issues that were raised thereafter, the Government had entrusted the present Mysuru RC Dr. G.C. Prakash with certain intervention and investigation responsibilities.

## Need for an agile system

Vijay Bhaskar, who was himself a Regional Commissioner of Mysuru, has argued that increased use of technology and e-governance tools and appointment of in-charge Secretaries and in-charge Ministers had reduced the need for supervisory officers. "Things have changed and we need a more agile system with lesser levels of governance," he has mentioned in his report.

Vijay Bhaskar has mentioned that during his visits as KARC Chairman, he found that in a north eastern district, there were only seven Shirastedars in the DC Office who were overworked but the RC office had 20 such officers who had little or no work. The DC Office can be strengthened and the divisional staff can be redeployed there, his recommendation stated.

Some of the other responsibilities of RC include, maintenance of Revenue Department staff, development, training, preparation of seniority list of divisional-level employees and periodic promotion, working as authority to give job on compassionate grounds, revenue and land reforms auditing, supervision of Muzrai Department offices and conducting the elections of the Legislative Council, City Corporation, Mayor, Standing Committee, ZP President and Vice-President.

*A view of Regional Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.*

## From 1957 to 2021

From November 1, 1957 till December 14, 2005, 36 Divisional Commissioners have worked in Mysuru. Subsequently, when the post was rechristened as Regional Commissioner, 17 IAS officers occupied the post. After Independence, the Divisional Commissioner's Office was established in 1956 and G.N. Nagarajarao served as the first Divisional Commissioner in Mysuru. Others are:

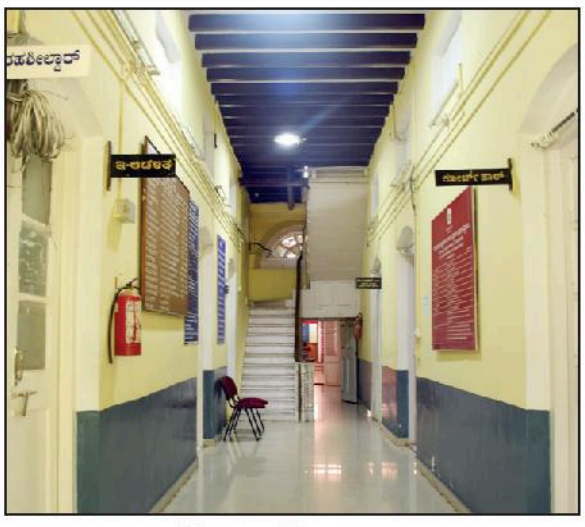
K. Seshagirirao (from 23.2.1957 to 23.12.1957)
Shafidharashaha (24.12.1957 to 20.5.1959)
M. Vasudevarao (21.5.1959 to 4.12.1960)
B. Beerappa (5.12.1960 to 6.3.1963)
R. Srinivasan (16.3.1963 to 22.3.1965)
C. Narasimhamurthy (23.3.1965 to 4.8.1966)
M.S. Swaminathan (11.8.1966 to 30.3.1968)
R. Srinivasan (29.4.1968 to 28.2.1969)
K. Balasubramaniam (1.3.1969 to 1.6.1971)
M. Subramaniam (2.6.1971 to 3.12.1971)
G.S. Srinivasan (27.12.1971 to 4.09.1972)
D.J. Balaraj (4.9.1972 to 31.5.1973)
R. Sampath Kumaran (31.5.1973 to 12.1.1974)
MAS Rajan (24.1.1974 to 29.5.1974)
R. Sampath Kumaran (29.5.1974 to 12.6.1974)
Samuel Appaji (12.6.1974 to 30.4.1977)
Jayakumar Anagol (30.4.1977 to 1.2.1980)
B.R. Prabhakar (24.3.1980 to 10.5.1981)
M.B. Prakash (11.5.1981 to 27.4.1983)
P.G. Puranik (27.4.1983 to 18.6.1984)
C. Muniswamy (18.6.1984 to 21.5.1986)
B.C. Thaosen (21.5.1986 to 9.5.1988)
C.K. Neelakantarao (9.5.1988 to 17.5.1989)
K.L. Negi (5.6.1989 to 19.4.1990)
Shanthakumari (9.5.1990 to 16.6.1992)
Siddaiah (16.6.1992 to 15.4.1993)
PSV Rao (15.4.1993 to 8.8.1994)
T.M. Vijay Bhaskar (8.8.1994 to 17.8.1994)
C.K. Neelakantarao (17.8.1994 to 2.7.1996)
G. Raju Premkumar (3.7.1996 to 27.10.1999)
G.K. Lokare (28.10.1999 to 25.10.2000)
Dr. H. Bhaskar (25.10.2000 to 18.12.2001)
B. Basavaraju (18.12.2001 to 31.12.2001)
G.V. Ramachandra (1.1.2002 to 1.1.2002)
B. Basavaraj (2.1.2002 to 12.7.2002)
G. Kumara Naik (12.7.2002 to 14.12.2005)

## Regional Commissioners

Since 2005, following IAS officers have served as Regional Commissioners (RCs):

S. Selvakumar (15.12.2005 to 28.6.2006. Subsequently, A.S. Srikanth, G.M. Dhananjaya, M.V. Jayanthi, V. Rashmi, A.M. Kunjappa, S.S. Pattanashetty, C. Shikha, Shivayogi C. Kalasad, P. Hemalatha, B.B. Cauvery, Kapil Mohan, V. Yashwanth, T.K. Anilkumar and N. Jayaram.

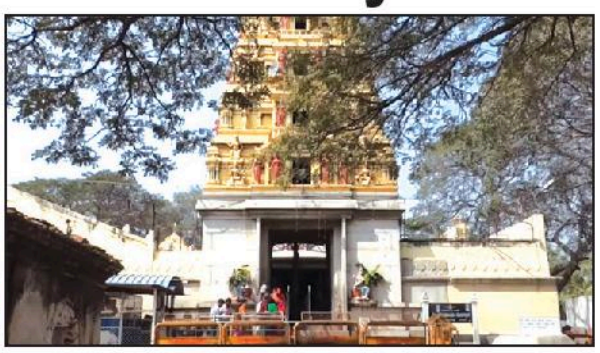
Presently, Dr. G.C. Prakash has been serving since June 15, 2020.



*Way to office rooms.*

*Meeting Hall at Regional Commissioner's Office.*

# Entry to Srirangapatna Temples banned on select days



Srirangapatna, Aug. 1 (Vinay Karekura&DM)- With the number of devotees visiting the famed Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple at Srirangapatna and Nimishamba Temple at Ganjam increasing by the day of late, the Taluk Administration has imposed restrictions on entry to the two temples as a precautionary and safety measure in the wake of a possible third wave of attack of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

As per the restrictions, the entry of devotees to Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple has been banned on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and other public holidays, while the entry of devotees to Ganjam's Nimishamba Temple has been banned on Hunnime-Amavasya (Full Moon Day-New Moon Day), Tuesdays, Fridays, Sundays and other public holidays.

The entry ban orders has been issued by Srirangapatna Tahsildar Shwetha under the Epidemic Diseases Control Act. However, VIPs and officials, who are on Government protocol, can visit the temples in accordance with Government SOPs.

# Mega Lok Adalat in city on Aug. 14

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (RK&DM)- A mega Lok Adalat will be held in all Courts of the district on Aug. 14 under the aegis of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).

Addressing a press meet at Malalavadi Courts Complex here yesterday, Principal District and Sessions Court Judge M.L. Raghunath, who is also the DLSA President, said that it is a good opportunity for litigants to settle their disputes in the Adalat amicably.

Pointing out that as many as 23,217 cases have been identified for settlement in the district on Aug. 14, Judge Raghunath said that this number may possibly go up by the date of the Adalat.

Pointing out that pre-litigation cases such as NI Act cases, money recovery cases, labour disputes, Civic Utilities Bills (excluding non-compoundable), maintenance cases etc., could be settled amicably, he said that also, cases pending in Courts such as Bank matters, criminal compoundable offences, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) cases, MMRD (Mines Minerals Regulation and Development) Act, land acquisition cases, service matters relating to pay, allowances and retiral benefits, revenue cases (pending in District and High Courts), other civil cases, petty cases etc., can also be resolved through mediation.

He asked the litigants to participate in this adalat for resolution of cases. He also appealed all the participants to strictly adhere to COVID Appropriate Behaviour and to follow Government SOPs.

Mysore Bar Association President S. Anand Kumar, who also addressed the press meet, appealed the litigants to make use of this opportunity and settle their cases amicably through mediation and counselling. He also sought the support of advocates for the success of the Lok Adalat.

Noting that due to COVID restrictions, Courts are not functioning on a full-scale and as such, a high number of cases are pending in Courts, Anand Kumar observed that the litigants can settle their disputes in this Lok Adalat and thus get relief.

Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Member-Secretary Devaraj Bhoothe and Mysore Bar Association Secretary B. Shivanna were present at the press meet.

**For details, contact Ph: 0821-2330130 or Toll-free Helpline: 18004250131 or e-mail:** *mysurudlsa@gmail.com*

# City Traffic Police register 76 cases against footpath encroachers in 3 days

## Rs. 6,000 spot fine collected, 13 notices issued

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (KS)- Acting tough on footpath encroachers, Traffic Police personnel attached to Devaraja, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Siddarthanagar and V.V. Puram Traffic Police Stations conducted footpath encroachment clearance drive in their respective jurisdiction from July 28 to 30, cleared the footpaths and made way for pedestrians.

The drives were conducted on Rave Beedhi, K.R. Hospital Road, JLB Road, Srinivasa Circle, Vidyaranyapuram Police limits, New Kantharaj Urs Road, Chaduranga Road, Shivaji Road, Sheshadri Iyer Road, K.T. Street, Akbar Road, Government House Road, PF Office Road, KRS Road, Hebbal Main Road, Hootagalli junction, Pulikeshi Road, Male Mahadeshwara Road. and Hinkal Main Road.

*DCP M.S. Geetha Prasanna, directing police personnel during the footpath clearance drive at Hootagalli on Wednesday last.*

During the drive, the Police have registered a total of 61 cases under Karnataka Police Act and 15 cases under Indian Motor Vehicle (IMV) Act besides collecting Rs. 6,000 as spot fines and issuing 13 notices to footpath encroachers. Inspectors and staff of all Traffic Police Stations were guided by DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and ACP (Traffic) S.E. Gangadharaswamy, according to a press release from the City Police Commissioner's Office.

# MCC Finance Standing Committee visits MCC Zone-1 Office

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (YDS&DM)- Following complaints that beneficiary citizens of various schemes and artists have not received the benefits under the schemes for the past 6 months, the members of Finance Standing Committee of MCC (Mysuru City Corporation) visited the MCC Zone-1 Office on Thursday for a review.

Upon inspection, the members directed the Zonal Commissioner to issue Khata, Plan, Trade License etc., as quickly as possible.

Pointing out that birth and death certificates pertaining to all Zonal offices are being issued by MCC Zonal Office-1, the Committee directed the officials to take measures for making these certificates available at their respective Zonal offices.

Committee Chairperson Shobha, Members M.V. Ramprasad, Bhuvaneshwari, Ramesh, Hazira Seema, G. Roopa and Srinivas were present.

# Overloaded tippers seized, penalised

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (YDS&SSV)- V.V. Puram Traffic Police have penalised seven tippers for overloading of broken stones and M-Sand on Friday.

Residents of Ring Road had complained to the Police about hundreds of overloaded tippers from Gundlupet and KRS entering Mysuru through Ring Road. Due to overloading, sand and broken stones are falling on the road, causing problems for regular road users, they said.

Acting on the complaint, the Traffic Cops swung into action and seized seven tippers that were found carrying building materials violating permissible limits at Basavanahalli, Hinkal and KRS Junction.

The owners of tippers were summoned to the Police Station and warned. The vehicles were released after imposing the fine.

# Five sentenced for life in robbery and murder case

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (SPN&DM)- A City Court has sentenced five persons to life imprisonment for robbing and murdering a man.

Ramesh, G. Parandhaman, Syed Shakir, Ejaz Ahmed and Shankar, all residents of Ambur in Tamil Nadu, are the ones who are sentenced for life.

The five were accused of entering the house of one Abdul Salam, a resident of third cross, K.R. Hospital Road in 2013 and brutally assaulting Abdul Salam and Reshma Banu, who were in the house, before decamping with gold jewellery. Abdul Salam who was stabbed multiple times, died of injuries.

The jurisdictional Lashkar Police, who had registered a case in this regard, had filed chargesheet against the accused. Inspectors T.B. Rajanna, P.R. Shinde and Shabbeer Hussain had carried out the investigation.

The Third Additional District and Sessions Court, which heard the case on Friday, held the five accused guilty of the charges and sentenced them to life imprisonment.

Public Prosecutor Vasanthi M. Angadi argued on behalf of the State.

# IMA Mysuru Branch fetes Corona Warriors

*To mark Doctor's Day celebrations, Indian Medical Association (IMA), Mysuru Branch, had organised a programme on July 24 at MMC&RI's Platinum Jubilee Auditorium in JK Grounds to felicitate Corona Warriors. Seen are (sitting from left) **Dr. H.N. Dinesh, Dr. M.M. Basavaraju, Dr. B.J. Subhash Chandra, Dr. Anuradha and Dr. Anoop Cheriyan;** (standing from left) **Dr. M.S Jayanth (Vice-President, IMA Mysuru), Dr. B.N. Shivashankar, Dr. Sujatha S. Rao (President-Elect, IMA Mysuru), Dr. M.S. Kempegowda (former President), Dr. N. Chandrabhan Singh (Secretary, IMA Mysuru), Dr. D. Parameshwar Naik (Treasurer, IMA Mysuru), Dr. B.N. Anandaravi, (President, IMA Mysuru), Dr. C.D. Srinivasmurthy, chief guest (former State President), Dr. B.V. Rajgopal (former State President), Dr. S. Prasanna Shankar (former President), Dr. T.M. Mahadevappa, Dr. A.H. Hareesh (former President), Dr. Mahadev, Dr. Govindshetty and Dr. R.M. Arun (members).*

# Doctors' Virtual Choir video released

Mysuru, Aug.1- Alterdoctor — a platform for doctors to express their hobbies such as writing reflections and experiences, photography, art, music etc., — recently released a video featuring more than 50 doctors and medical students in an All India Doctors' Virtual Choir to celebrate the pride and honour of being in medical profession and to reflect on the Mission of a Doctor.

"The medical fraternity has had to experience a lot of hardships over the last one year due to COVID-19, exam delays and instances of violence against doctors. Hence, we felt that a virtual choir involving healthcare workers across the country would not only express solidarity but also spread message of hope and positivity as music heals the soul," said **Dr. Nitin Yashas,** who is a Medical Oncology Resident and Co-founder of Alterdoctor.

*Dr. Maya* *Dr. Nitin*

He said the songs chosen were *Heal the World* by Michael Jackson which was a perfect description of what a Mission of a Doctor is while the poem *Agnipath* and the song *Kar Har Maidan Fateh* serve as powerful motivational songs that inspire healthcare workers to never give up and to overcome odds.

**Dr. Maya Mascarenhas,** who is a Doctor-Musician & has had experience of conducting choirs over decades as part of Bangalore Chorus Group, was incharge of coordinating the music along with her husband Eric Samuel.

"A virtual choir needs a lot of planning, coordination and involves different groups of singers such as Melody, Tenor, Bass and Alto to listen and practise with learning tracks that we would have prepared, before recording their parts. However, the abundance of musical talent and enthusiasm among medicos and the precision with which they shot their recordings made the editing task much easier than imagined," said Dr. Maya.

The video features medicos from more than 20 institutes across the country. **Dr. Kiranmayee** from Public Health Research Institute of India, Mysuru and **Dr. P. John** from JSS, Mysuru, also participated in this event. The video has been released on *Treat* - the channel for doctors on YouTube [Link of the video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEJpfTIyHtw].

# Rotary Panchsheel donates essentials to Charaka Hospital

***As part of its service activities, Rotary Panchsheel Mysuru donated N95 masks, notebooks, marker pens, disposable food plates and cups and waterproof tent with chairs to Charaka Government Ayurveda Post-Graduation Centre in Brindavan Extension, KRS Road in city to support Charaka Hospital's ongoing COVID vaccination drive. Seen in the picture are** (from left) **Rtn. Somesh, Community Service Director, Rtn. Nagesh, Rtn. M.D. Harinath, President, Rotary Panchsheel, Dr. Santhosh and Chandrashekar.***

# Felicitation marks Doctor's Day

Mysuru, Aug. 1 - The following doctors were felicitated by 'Spandana' during National Doctor's Day programme held at Gandabherunda Park in Kuvempunagar recently. These doctors were honoured in recognition of their services to people during the pandemic: Dr. Kumaraswamy, former Professor of Radiology, JSS Hospital; Dr. S.M. Prabhulingaswamy, retired Senior Specialist District Surgeon; Dr. Pallavi Prabhu, Consultant Eye Specialist, Sushrutha Eye Hospital; Dr. T. M. Amulya, Senior Resident, ENT Department, Dysphagia Clinic in-charge, JSS Hospital; Dr. Deepu Changappa, Pulmonologist, Cauvery Heart and Multispeciality Hospital; Dr. C. Sharathkumar, Director, Mediwave IVF Fertility Research Centre; Dr. C.A.P. Prabhu, Founder-Director, Sushrutha Eye Hospital; Dr. Laxmikanth B. Sannakki, Critical Care Specialist, Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital; Dr. B.S. Jayaraj (Pulmonology), in-charge of patients with respiratory problems, JSS Hospital; Dr. N. M. Shamasundar, Senior Professor of Anatomy and Secretary, JSS Body Donation Association. On the occasion, food kits were distributed to needy people and saplings planted in the Park.

Playback singer Neetu Ninad rendered invocation. M. Jayashankar, Founder-President, spoke about Spandana and its activities. Pallavi compered the event that concluded with a musical treat by Thyagi and team.

## TOKYO GAMES 2020 (July 23 - August 8, 2021)

# Indian Women's Hockey team reaches Olympic quarterfinals after 41 years

### Vandana Katariya becomes first Indian woman hockey player to score hat-trick in Olympics

*Vandana Katariya in action against South Africa. [Pic: Internet]*

Tokyo, Aug. 1- Indian women's hockey team qualified for the Olympic quarterfinals after 41 years after it beat South Africa 4-3 and later defending champions Great Britain blanked Ireland 2-0 to ensure India's passage into the knockout stage, on Saturday. India finished their group A league proceedings in fourth place with six points, riding on back-to-back wins over Ireland and South Africa and will now face pool B toppers Australia in the quarter-final on Monday.

The top four teams from each pool made it to the knockout stage. The Indian team's best finish at the Olympics was in Moscow back in 1980 when they reached the semi-finals but ended fourth.

While Great Britain's win was required, no one can take away credit from Vandana Kataria, who scored a hat-trick in India's win in a pulsating morning clash against the South Africans.

Kataria (4th, 17th, 49th minutes) achieved a rare feat by becoming the first Indian woman hockey player to score a hat-trick in the Olympics. Young Neha Goyal (32nd) was the other goal getter. South Africa's goals came from the sticks of Tarryn Glasby (15th), skipper Erin Hunter (30th) and Marizen Marais (39th).

On the other hand, **India Men's Hockey team will take on Great Britain in the quaterfinals today (Aug. 1) at 5.30 pm (IST).**

## EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 1)

- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an opulent show of cool cotton handloom products, ethnic and traditional silk, Nanjaraja Bahadur (NR) Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga:** 5th World Environment Day celebrations, planting of saplings and distribution of over 1,000 medicinal plants for free, City Central Library premises, Kuvempunagar branch, Vishwamanava Road, **4 pm.** [Mob: 98452-75741]
- **Lions Club of Mysore Parisara:** Installation of Lion Dr. B. N. Raveesh as President and his team for the Lionistic Year 2021-22 by Ln. V. Renukumar, Past District Governor; Induction of New Members by Ln. N. Jayaram, Advisor 2021-22; Ln. M.R. Ananda, President, Lions Club of Mysore Parisara, presides, Hotel Kalyani, Ring Road, Hebbal, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana Sabha Trust:** 12-hour Akhanda Sri Vishnu Shasranama Parayana underway, **from 8.30 am;** Sri Hanuman Chalisa - Bhagavad Gita 11th Chapter recitation, Govindanama Sankeerthana, Google Meet *[https://meet.google.com/zcc-opwn-umw]*, **7.30 pm.**

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| *Timmarusu (Te)* | (S-1) | 11.30 am |
| | (S-2) | 4.35 pm, 7.05 pm |
| *Yuvarathnaa (K)* | (S-2) | 11.05 am |
| *Godzilla Vs Kong (E)* | (S-2) | 2.15 pm |
| | (S-3) | 11.10 am, 7 pm |
| *Mortal Kombat (E)* | (S-3) | 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm |
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| *Mortal Kombat (E)* | (S-1) | 12.40 pm, 3.35 pm 6.30 pm |
| | (S-2) | 11.40 am, 2.35 pm |
| *Yuvarathnaa (K)* | (S-2) | 5.30 pm |
| *Timmarusu (Te)* | (S-3) | 12.00 noon, 6.10 pm |
| *Trayam (Te)* | (S-4) | 3.10 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

# Shuttler P.V. Sindhu to play for bronze this evening

Tokyo, Aug. 1- Reigning World Champion P.V. Sindhu will play for the bronze medal in the Badminton Women's Singles after a 21-18, 21-12 loss in the semi-finals to World No. 1 Tai Tzu-ying of Chinese Taipei yesterday.

Sindhu will face China's No. 8 seed He Bingjiao in the bronze medal match today (Aug. 1) at 5 pm (IST), while Tai will clash with top seed Chen Yu Fei in the gold medal match.

# Satish Kumar's debut Olympics ends

Tokyo, Aug. 1- India boxer Satish Kumar bowed out of the Tokyo Olympics after losing against Uzbekistan's Bakhodir Jalolov in the quarter-finals of the men's super heavyweight (+91kg) category this morning.

Top seed Bakhodir Jalolov dominated the bout in all three rounds as he won by an anonymous 5-0 decision today (Aug. 1) at the Kokugikan arena.

### Tokyo Olympics 2020 - Medal Count

| Rank | Country | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | China | 23 | 14 | 12 | 49 |
| 2 | USA | 20 | 20 | 14 | 54 |
| 3 | Japan | 17 | 5 | 8 | 30 |
| 61 | India | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

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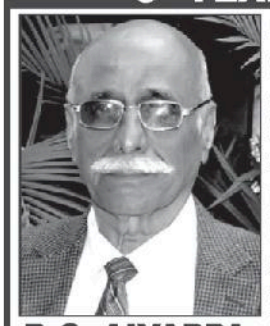
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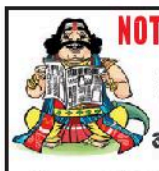
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